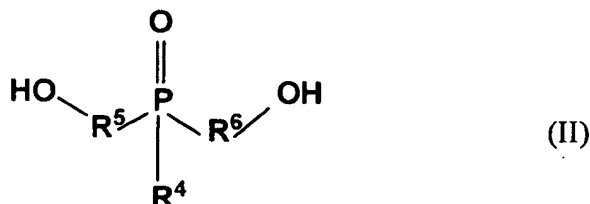


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 Please replace the specification on page 11, lines 11-<sup>23</sup>~~25~~ with the following amended text:

Compounds which are preferably employed as a phosphine oxide are those which correspond to the general formula (II):



wherein:

$\text{R}^4$ : — represents

$\text{R}^4$ : represents a hydrogen atom, a branched or unbranched alkyl radical having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl radical having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkaryl radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$ : — may be

$\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$ : may be the same or different, and each independently represents a branched or unbranched alkylene radical having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylene radical having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylene radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkarylene radical having 6 to 30 carbon atoms.

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and

x and y each independently represents a number from 1 to 50;